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Selma Baptist Association

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Providence Baptist Church, Dallas County, Ala.,

August 9, 10 and 11, 1892.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR, B. F. ELLIS.... .....Orrville, Ala.
CLERK, W. F. MOSELEY.....Bridges, Ala.
TREASURER, J. F. ELLIS .....Polk, Ala.

The next session will be held with Bethany Church, Collirene, Lowndes County, Ala., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1893.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.:
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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

1. The Selma Baptist Association of Alabama met in its tenth annual session with Providence Baptist Church, Dallas county, August 9, 1892.

2. In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk at 10:40 o'clock a. m.

3. The selection of a temporary presiding officer being in order, A. J. Dickinson moved that B. F. Ellis be elected temporary Moderator, and the motion was carried.

4. After singing hymn No. 64, and prayer by Eld. Dickinson, the Association was announced ready for the consideration of business.

5. On motion of A. J. Dickinson, a committee was appointed to enroll the delegates. The Chair appointed A. J. Dickinson, M. H. Traylor and the Clerk said committee.

6. The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

Ash Creek—Not represented.
Benton—Not represented.
Bethany—A. Edwards,* E. Lyon,* R. A. Arnold, F. B. Walker,* John C. Fortune *
Center Ridge—R W. Watson,* J. P. Melton, J. C. Yates, W. T. Jones.†
Mt. Gilead—M. H. Traylor, W. E Mealing, Eld. S. Martin.
Orrville—B F. Ellis, R. L. Sutton, G. W. Burt, E. V. Molette,* W. F. Moseley.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Bailey.
Providence—Lewis Johnson, Edward Day, R. B. Hare, B. P. Moseley, Louis A. Moseley.
Selma—H S. D Mallory,* J. E. Barnes, J. M. McIver, Jon. Haralson.*
Shiloh—Henry Miley,* P. W. Johnson, Jere Johnson, Jr.,* W. E. Clark, T. E. Whatley.†
Sister Springs—Not represented.
Town Creek—S. W. Quarles,* R. B. Hardy,* J. F. Ellis, R. S. Ellis,* R. D. Stewart.*
Delegates by virtue of being pastors in the Association—A. J. Dickinson, Selma; J. M. Fortune, Bethany; W. D. Gay, Pleasant Hill, Centre Ridge; I. A. White, Orrville, Providence.

7. On motion of I. A. White, a committee was appointed to arrange a programme for this session, and I. A. White, Lewis Johnson and W. E. Clark were appointed.

8. Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. M. Fortune, from Rom. 11:5.

9. After the sermon the Association proceeded to effect a permanent organization, and, on motion of A. J. Dickinson, B. F. Ellis was made permanent Moderator.

10. W. F. Moseley and J. F. Ellis were re-elected Clerk and Treasurer respectively.

11. On motion of A. J. Dickinson, the representatives of the various denominational interests were requested to report to the Association, and the following brethren responded:

Note: *Not in attendance. †Substituted.

State Missions—Rev. W. B. Crumpton, State Secretary.
Board of Ministerial Education—Dr. W. C. Cleveland, its President.
Howard College—Dr. D. I. Purser.
Judson Female Institute—President S. W. Averett.
Sunday-school Board—Dr. Purser, V. P. for Alabama.

12. A. J. Dickinson moved that committees on State of Religion in the Churches, and Bible and Colportage, be appointed. Amended by I. A. White so as to include a committee on Woman's Work, and the motion was carried. (See Articles 21 and 63.)

13. A. J. Dickinson moved that the churches of this Association be apportioned a certain amount for the indigent ministers' fund, to be turned over to the State Board. Tabled to await the report on that subject.

14. I. A. White, from the committee, submitted a partial report on programme, which was adopted.

15. Report of Program for this session was concluded and adopted by the Association.

16. On motion of A. J. Dickinson, J. E. Barnes was appointed to prepare a report on State Missions, and by request of the Moderator, to be assisted by W. B. Crumpton.

17. The Association adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Rev. C. W. Hare.

Afternoon Session.

18. The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Barnes.

19. The reading of the letters being called for, A. J. Dickinson and J. M. Fortune were appointed to read them.

20. Reading of church letters.

21. The Moderator announced the following appointments:

VACANCIES ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—J. E. Barnes.
Sunday-Schools—W. D. Gay.
Temperance—J. M. McIver.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT THIS SESSION.

Finance—Lewis Johnson, M. H. Traylor, J. C. Yates.
Documents—J. M. Fortune, B. P. Moseley, J. P. Melton.
Nominations—R. B. Hare, W. E. Mealing, R. A. Arnold.
Time and Place—B. P. Moseley, G. W. Burt, W. E. Clark, J. C. Yates, Edward Day.
Apportionment—J. P. Melton, W. E. Clark, J. F. Ellis, L. A. Moseley.
State of Religion—I. A. White, A. J. Dickinson, J. M. Fortune.

22. Bro. Drury Cain was recognized as messenger from Bethel Association.

23. J. E. Barnes presented the following report on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Seventeen years ago the State Mission Board was organized. So little interest was felt in the cause that it was several years before sufficient money was contributed to pay the salary and traveling expenses of the Secretary.

As soon as the facts of the State's destitution were put before the churches, through the Secretary, aided by the pastors and the Alabama Baptist, they became actively interested and supplied the Board with the means of enlarging its work.

The past year it has had in its employ more than forty men. Some of these are in the country supplying the destitute with the gospel, while

others are laboring in the new towns earnestly endeavoring to gather the Baptists moving into these centres into churches and erecting houses of worship for them.

The Board is jointly with the Home Board, employing Rev. W. H. McAlpine, who is diligently laboring among the colored ministers of the State. This part of the work has never been so full of encouragement as at the present.

Rev. J. M. Waller, located at East Lake, Ala., is traveling all his time, visiting the churches chiefly in North Alabama.

The Secretary, besides his traveling, is conducting an extensive correspondence, trying to bring pastorless churches and churchless pastors together. While it is a delicate and most difficult work, the Secretary is encouraged to believe this part of his labors has not been altogether in vain.

The pastors and churches must continue to co-operate with the Board in the future as in the past, or the work of the Board will be seriously crippled.

The Secretary cannot do all the work. Pastors can greatly aid him in arranging two or three days' meetings at central points and providing a mission program for discussion. It is impossible for any one man to go from church to church in the State. He must meet the people in large assemblies. The pastors alone can arrange these meetings.

Let the brethren remember that State Missions lie at the basis of all our mission work. If we foster it, we aid most effectively the other mission boards.

The Board asks for missions and colportage of the Selma Association another year $1,200. We recommend that a committee be appointed to apportion the amount to the churches. Selma Association gave per capita, as reported in our minutes of last year, $1.36 for missions; which is a greater amount contributed than that of any other Association in the State. Let us see to it that we do better next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Barnes,
W. B. Crumpton,
Committee.

Discussed by W. B. Crumpton and W. C. Cleveland and was adopted.

24. Report on Home Missions was presented by J. M. Fortune. Spoken to by J. M. Fortune and Dr. Purser and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions report:

The Home Mission Board entered the last conventional year with an indebtedness of ten thousand dollars, and an obligation to pay twenty thousand dollars on the Havana house of worship, thus requiring thirty thousand dollars in addition to that needed for missionary work for the year. The Board therefore retrenched expenditures. For this reason the number of missionaries is less than that of last year. The number of missionaries have been 365, four of whom worked in Alabama.

The results of the Board's work have been, in part, as follows:

Missionaries	365
Baptisms	5,274
Received by letter	5,973
Total additions	11,247
Sunday-schools organized	347
Churches constituted	179
Houses of worship built	80
Bible Testaments sold and given away	4,304
Pages of tracts distributed	919,472

This report is incomplete, as the report of some of the missionaries was not received in time to be embodied in the report of the Board. The work of this Board is among the Indians, the colored people, our foreign population and the Island of Cuba. The Board also gives help to, and co-operates

with the various state boards in sustaining missions among our own people chiefly at important centres of influence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Fortune, Ch'n.

25. A. J. Dickinson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to take collections at every day of worship as a religious service, and use the envelopes as much as practicable.

After discussion by brethren Dickinson, White, Fortune, Crumpton and Averett, the resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

26. Adjourned until 10 a. m. Wednesday.

SECOND DAY.—Morning Session.

27. The Association met at 10 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator after a few minutes of devotional exercises.

28. The minutes of the previous day were read, and after correction, adopted.

29. The letter from Pleasant Hill church was read and received.

30. The report on Foreign Missions was read by A. J. Dickinson, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions is glad to report that the vear just passed has been or e of success and enlargement.

During the year there have been 434 baptisms and 21 restorations in all the mission fields, making a membership in foreign fields of 2,723, gathered into about 30 churches.

There are about 90 missionaries, assisted by as many native helpers on the field, at an expense to the Board of $107,418.17, of which amount over $3,000 was raised on the field.

Your committee would call the attention of the churches to the importance of prompt response to the call of the Board at this time of debt and depression and the danger of falling off in regular funds during the centennial year. Let the churches see to it that their apportionment for the regular work be met before the centennial fund absorbs the benevolence of the people.

In lieu of any details of the work your committee has requested Bro. W. B. Crumpton to go over the field with his map, and tell the Association about the several fields and the men occupying them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Dickinson, Ch'n.

Bro. Dickinson yielded the floor to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, who gave his illustrated missionary lecture.

31. At the conclusion of Bro. Crumpton's lecture, a collection, amounting to $19.12, was taken for missions.

32. Report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

33. Report on Sunday-schools was presented by W. D. Gay.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report that there are Sunday-schools reported in all the churches reported of this Association. Sixty-two officers and teachers and 389 pupils on roll, with a very gratifying average attendance This is a falling off from last year's report, however, if you will refer to the minutes. The difficulty is in this—parents do not attend the school. Our word to the children should not be "go," but "come," since they learn most from example. If we can get the parents interested in this work, the children will be reached.

We recommend the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville to your patronage. and ask that at different times contributions be taken for its support and to help it work among the destitute parts of the convention, though contributions are not asked

We recommend the study of such books as "Teachers and Teaching" by H. Clay Trumbull, and "The Modern Sunday-school," by J. H. Vincent, to the superintendents, and teachers, and pastors. The value of object lessons is clearly shown by our own interest in pictures. We also know how much easier it is to remember things we have seen; so we recommend the use of blackboards, illustrative pictures, and maps of Palestine and mission fields

We recommend the purchase of a Sunday-shool library, believing that nothing can take its place as proper reading for children.

We recommend that the poor people of our Association be brought into the schools, and if we cannot get them to school, we should go to their houses and constitute mission schools. Careful thought and observation will show the wisdom of this suggestion.

We recommend that Sunday-school literature be purchased through our Bible and Colportage Board, (J. B. Collier, Secretary, Opelika,) and not through private and competing enterprises, whose profits go to the enriching of their proprietors. We recommend that the Sunday-schools of this Association be encouraged to adopt the first Sunday in May as "Children's Day," when a collection shall be taken for the Bible and Colportage Board at Opelika.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. D. Gay, Ch'n.

The Association was addressed by brethren Crumpton, Dickinson, Cleveland and Averett, and the report was adopted.

34. A. J. Dickinson presented the report of the committee on Literature.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Your committee on Literature would report that our Southern Baptist Convention Board presented a gratifying statement of work done last year, and is now well equipped to supply our churches and Sunday-schools with a serial literature second to none. The board is receiving a cordial support from the churches and Sunday-schools, and bids fair to be of great service in elevating the standard of teaching by its excellent facilities for preparing and teaching the lessons. Your committee would suggest the use of this literature in all our Sunday schools.

In our own state we have a board for the special purpose of supplying our churches, Sunday-schools and individuals with religious literature, viz: the Bible and Colportage Board, at Opelika, Ala. We request all our people to buy all literature through this agency, as it will facilitate their purchase and be of pecuniary benefit to that board. Address all communications to J. B. Collier, Secretary, Opelika, Ala. We would further suggest that this agency of the convention be given the preference in your patronage over all other concerns of a private nature.

Your committee note with gratification that the State Convention at its last session has taken steps towards improving the quality and usefulness of the Alabama Baptist. The movement seems to have been thwarted for a time, owing to the unforeseen difficulties, but the next convention will probably bring the movement to completion. With 101,000 white Baptists in this state, and with the advance of learning among them, there is every reason to believe that this paper ought to be second to none in the South. But one thing absolutely necessary to the making of that paper, what we would desire, is a sympathetic support on the part of the denomination.

Our State Mission Quarterly has done a most excellent work in educating our people where no other more expensive literature can venture. This pioneer paper the board desires to turn into a monthly and increase its usefulness. We recommend this excellent little paper to our people as a most helpful and wholesome missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman of Committee.

The report was adopted after discussion by A. J. Dickinson, C. W. Hare, W. B. Crumpton and W. C. Cleveland.

35. The Association then adjourned with benediction by Dr. Cleveland.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

36. The Association re-assembled at 2:15 o'clock, and was led in prayer by W. B. Crumpton.

37. J. F. Ellis presented the Treasurer's report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. F. Ellis, Treasurer, in account with Selma Association.

DR.

Aug. 5, 1891.	Amount from Finance Committee	$144 12	
" " "	Special collection for Ministerial Education	25 80	
Aug. 6, "	Special collection for Minutes	7 63	
	Total		$177 55—$177 55

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Aug. 5, 1891.	By voucher No. 1, from W. B. Crumpton	$ 48 00	
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Aug. 6, "	Cr. voucher No. 1 from W. F. Moseley for Minutes	21 26	
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	Total		$177 55—$177 55

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. ELLIS, Treasurer.

The report was referred to the Finance committee.

Examined by Finance Committee and found correct.

LEWIS JOHNSON, Chairman.

August 10th, 1892.

38. I. A. White presented the following report from the committee on Education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee understand it to be their duty to call the attention of this body to the work and needs of our Baptist educational interests in this State.

Never was there a time when education, really Christian in its character, was more widely needed than to day. In what department of worldly service, or human endeavor do we not need it? A trained mind and skillful hands, united to and controlled by a heart charged with vicious principles, form the most dangerous of all combinations. This is a growing danger today. Nor can we avoid the danger on the other hand, through empty heads, though the heart be Christian. But by cultured minds, and Christ-cultured hearts may we, as a people, be equal to every emergency, and hope to conserve the best interests of humanity. But surely we are all agreed that Christian education is esseutial to the welfare of the family; that it is the source of power to the churches; and that it is absolutely necessary to the stability of our free institutions. "Next to the conversion of the soul, the subject of education is of vital importance."

There are several institutions of learning in Alabama—male and female—which are wholly, or in part, under Baptist control. And, to do even justice, all these schools, considering their hard, financial limitations, are doing well—meriting and receiving a generous patronage.

But, without intending invidoius distinction, your committee feel called upon to make special mention of the "Judson" and "Howard'—two institutions loved and fostered by us from their infancy, and vitally con-

nected with our denominational life and work in this State. Judson Institute, located at Marion, Ala., enjoys a reputation to be coveted. The denomination should congratulate itself that we have at the head of this institution Dr. S. W. Averett, the peer of college presidents for young ladies, North or South. He is ably supported by a splendid corps of teachers

Howard College, located at East Lake, Ala., has an energetic, devoted, progressive, scholarly president in Dr B. F. Riley. An able faculty are doing solid, permanent work for us at this school with a record second to none in the South. Here are being educated the future ministry of our State. For our girls we know of no better school than the "Judson;" for our boys and young men we most heartily commend the "Howard."

We would, also, warmly recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky. It is enough to say that under God, this institution is our mightiest lever for lifting the nations into the light of liberty and peace.

Respectfully submitted,

I. A. WHITE, Chairman.

Spoken to by I. A. White and S. W. Averett, and was then adopted.

39. Report on Ministerial Education was read by P. W. Johnson, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report the following:

Resolved, 1. That this Association is in hearty sympathy with the work of the Board of Ministerial Education.

Resolved, 2. That we urge the churches to contribute liberally to the support of the Board.

Resolved, 3. That contributions be made in November and February.

For information in regard to the interests of the Board, we refer you to the President of the Board, who is present.

Discussed by W. C. Cleveland and A. J. Dickinson.

40. A. J. Dickinson moved that the Association pledge $300 for Ministerial Education, which motion was carried and the report adopted.

41. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by J. M. McIver, and an amendment offered by W. D. Gay, recommending the disuse of tobacco. Addresses were made by Brethren Gay, Dickinson and White.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We may be intemperate in all the ordinary affairs of life, but we need to be most guarded in those directions that offer greatest danger, so the emphasis of our report will be against intoxicants.

What shall we say? Is it an evil? There is no other evil equal to it. All know that.

What shall we do about it?

Of course it can be done

How? By prohibition, high license, or any way that will lessen the amount of the stuff being used. Let every woman and man do his or her duty and there will be a settlement of the question.

If the ladies would refuse to associate with the men who drink, there would be a vast improvement.

Let us do something during all the years and not stop with a few words spoken against this enemy to all that is good.

J. M. McIVER.

42 Pending the adoption of said report, the Association adjourned, after benediction by C. W. Hare, to meet Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

43. The Association met at 10 o'clock, and after prayer by Dr. Purser, was called to order by the Moderator.

44. Minutes read and approved.

45. Rev. P L. Moseley was received as correspondent from Newton Association.

46. On motion the regular order of business was suspended to hear the report on Indigent Ministers' Fund, which was read by the Clerk for the Committee.

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

Your committee beg leave to report:

That our State Mission Board has been receiving funds and dispensing them to indigent ministers upon application. This work meets our hearty approval, and calls for our more cordial support. Therefore, your committee would recommend that the amount of $50.00 be apportioned among the churches to be raised during the next conventional year to be appropriated to this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E Clark, for Committee.

Discussed by W. B. Crumpton and I. A. White, and adopted

47. J. M. Fortune, from the Committee read the report on Centennial Work.

REPORT ON CENTENNIAL.

Your committee on the Centenary of Missions, report:

Our plan was to hold Missionary Mass Meetings with all the churches of our Association, but on account of the present surroundings of our churches we deemed it impracticable to get our people and preachers together in large assemblies, except on days embracing a fifth Sunday. This plan made it impossible for us to hold more than four meetings during the year. Our first meeting was with the church at Pleasant Hill, in November; the attendance at this meeting was small, but the interest good. Addresses were delivered by brethren W. B. Crumpton, W. D. Gay, S. J. Catts, and White and Fortune of the committee. Our second meeting was with the church at Shiloh, in January. The attendance was small the first two days, but large on Sunday, the last day The meeting was addressed by Brethren J. G Dickinson, S. J. Catts, and Dickinson, White, and Fortune of the committee The third meeting was to have been held with the church at Orrville, in May. On account of failure to get speakers from abroad the pastor of the Orrville church, who is one of the committee, postponed this meeting. The fourth meeting was held with the church at Collirene, in July. This meeting was largely attended and the interest was good. Interesting addresses were made by Dr Geo. B. Eager and Rev. W. B. Crumpton.

Collections were taken at all these meetings as follows:

Pleasant Hill, cash	$13.01
Shiloh, cash	11 50
Collirene, cash and pledges	100.00

These sums were turned over to the treasurers of the churches, to be paid by them to the Centenial fund.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. Fortune, Chairman.

48. Rev. A. J. Dickinson addressed the Association on the Origin of Missions among Baptists; and at its conclusion was given a rising vote of thanks.

49. And then, after prayer by Rev. P. L. Moseley, the Association adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

50. The Association met again at 2 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Dr. Cleveland.

51. Report on Centennial Work adopted.

52. The report of the Committee on Apportionment was read by A. J. Dickinson, and adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Totals.
Ash Creek	$ 7 50	$ 2 50	$ 10 00
Benton	3 50	1 50	5 00
Bethany	25 00	10 00	35 00
Centre Ridge	60 00	15 00	75 00
Mt. Gilead	60 00	25 00	85 00
Orrville	85 00	40 00	125 00
Pleasant Hill	95 00	20 00	115 00
Providence	105 00	30 00	135 00
Selma	600 00	150 00	750 00
Sister Springs	3 00	2 00	5 00
Shiloh	70 00	15 00	85 00
Town Creek	80 00	15 00	95 00
Total	$1194 00	$326 00	$ 520 00
Increase over last year	194 00	26 00	220 00

J. P. Melton, Chairman.

53. The report of Treasurer was reported correct by Finance Committee, and adopted by the Association.

54. Marion H. Traylor, from the committee, read the Finance Report which was adopted as appears on last page of these proceedings.

55. J. M. Fortune read as follows the Report on Documents.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee report that the church at Collirene asks this Association to hold the next session with them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Fortune.

Adopted.

56. J. M. Fortune moved that the Committee on Documents be stricken from the future order of business. Amended by I. A. White so that a committee on Women's Work takes its place. The motion was carried.

57. R. B. Hare, from the committee read the report on Nominations. The report was adopted. (See page 2.)

58. The report on Time and Place was made by B. P. Mosely, as follows, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We recommend that Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1893, be the time, and Collirene church, Lowndes county, be the place, of next meeting of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. Moseley, Chairman.

59. A. J. Dickinson presented the following report on State of Religion in Churches:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on State of Religion in the Churches beg leave to report that there has been a net gain of thirty-six to the churches, Selma and Collirene reporting a gain in membership and Orrville the same as last year, while the rest report a net loss of thirteen.

Revivals have been held in Collirene and Selma The others purpose holding revivals at an early date. We need not emphasize the importance of these religious movements in edifying and strengthening the churches.

There was several hundred dollars more than the amount apportioned given by the churches.

All the churches reporting report Sunday-schools. All reporting have pastors and regular services. Ash Creek, Sister Springs and Benton failed to report by delegate or letter. We are gratified to report improvement all along the line. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. DICKINSON,
I. A. WHITE,
J. M. FORTUNE,
Committee.

60. J. M. McIver moved that the amendment offered to the report on Temperance be stricken out. (See Art. 41.) Discussed by Brethren McIver, Dickinson, White, Fortune, Cleveland and Purser and was carried.

61. The report on Temperance was then adopted.

62. J. M. McIver offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the members and visitors of the Selma Association, do extend our heart felt thanks to the members of this church and friends of the neighborhood for their unsurpassed, large-hearted kindness in entertainment of our body.

63. The Moderator announced the following committees to repo t next year:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions.—J. M. Fortune, Chairman, W. P. Welch, M. H. Traylor.
Home Missions.—A. J. Dickinson, Chairman, A. Edwards, B. P. Moseley.
Foreign Missions.—I. A. White, Chairman, J. C. Yates, P. W. Johnson.
Sunday-Schools.—H. S. D. Mallory, Ch'man, J. W. Bailey, S. W. Quarles.
Education.—S. J. Catts, Chairman, Dr. R. L. Sutton, Jas. Bryant.
Temperance.—A. D. Lawhon, Chairman, W. C. Stewart, R B. Hare.
Ministerial Education.—Lewis Johnson, Chairman, U. J. Crumpton, H. W. Edwards.
Indigent Ministers' Fund.—J. F. Melton, Chairman, D. B. Edwards, G. W. Burt.
Literature—W. R. Hardy, Chairman, Law Lamar, W. T. Jones.
Woman's Work—J. E. Barnes, Chairman, Joe Swink, J. F. Pierce.

64. On motion of A. J. Dickinson, I. A. White, J. M. Fortune and S. J. Catts were appointed a committee to arrange for and conduct Centennial Mission Meetings during the coming Associational year.

65. After the singing of the hymn "God be with you till we meet again," J. M. Fortune led in prayer and the Association adjourned to meet with Bethany church, Collirene, Lowndes county, Ala., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1893.

B. F. ELLIS,
MODERATOR.

WILLIAM F. MOSELEY, CLERK.

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND WOMEN S SOCIETIES.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.							CONTRIBUTIONS.		WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			
CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST-OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils on Roll.	No. Periodicals.	No. Baptized.	Missions.	Sundries.	PRESIDENT.	POST-OFFICE.	No. Members.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Church Improvement.	Total.
Ash Creek	A. D. Lawhon	Benton	4	22	10	..	$.....	$.....	No report.	.....	....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Benton	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	"	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany	A. Edwards	Collirene	4	20	..	2	9 50	8 80	None	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center Ridge	J. P. Melton	Minter	4	25	..	..	.....	.....	Mrs. J. C. Yates.	Carlowville	7	20 00	.....	.....	20 00
Mt. Gilead	James Bryant	Benton	5	41	.	.	.....	10 48	Mrs. Mae A. May	Benton	11	.....	.....	104 50	104 50
Orrville	W. F. Moseley	Bridges	5	36	..	..	41 80	.....	Mrs. B. F. Ellis	Orrville	14	17 00	.....	.....	17 00
Pleasant Hill	W R. Hardy	Pleasant Hill	8	60	..	..	7 24	.....	Mrs. W.R.Hardy.	Pleasant Hill	10	33 40	.....	4 80	38 20
Providence	Lewis Johnson	Orrville	4	30	..	..	14 00	.....	None	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Selma	H S. D. Mallory.	Selma	19	90	..	..	.....	.....	None	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	R. D. Stone	.....	5	47	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sister Springs	.....	.....	4	40	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
w Creek	W. C. Stewart	.....	..	....	..	..	2 10	29 99	.....	.....	....	21 60	5 00	.....	26 60
Totals	.....	.....	62	411	10	2	$74 60	$49 27	.....	.....	82	$92 00	$ 5 00	$ 109 30	$ 206 30

NOTE—The amounts contributed, as shown in these tables, are included in Financial Exhibit.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

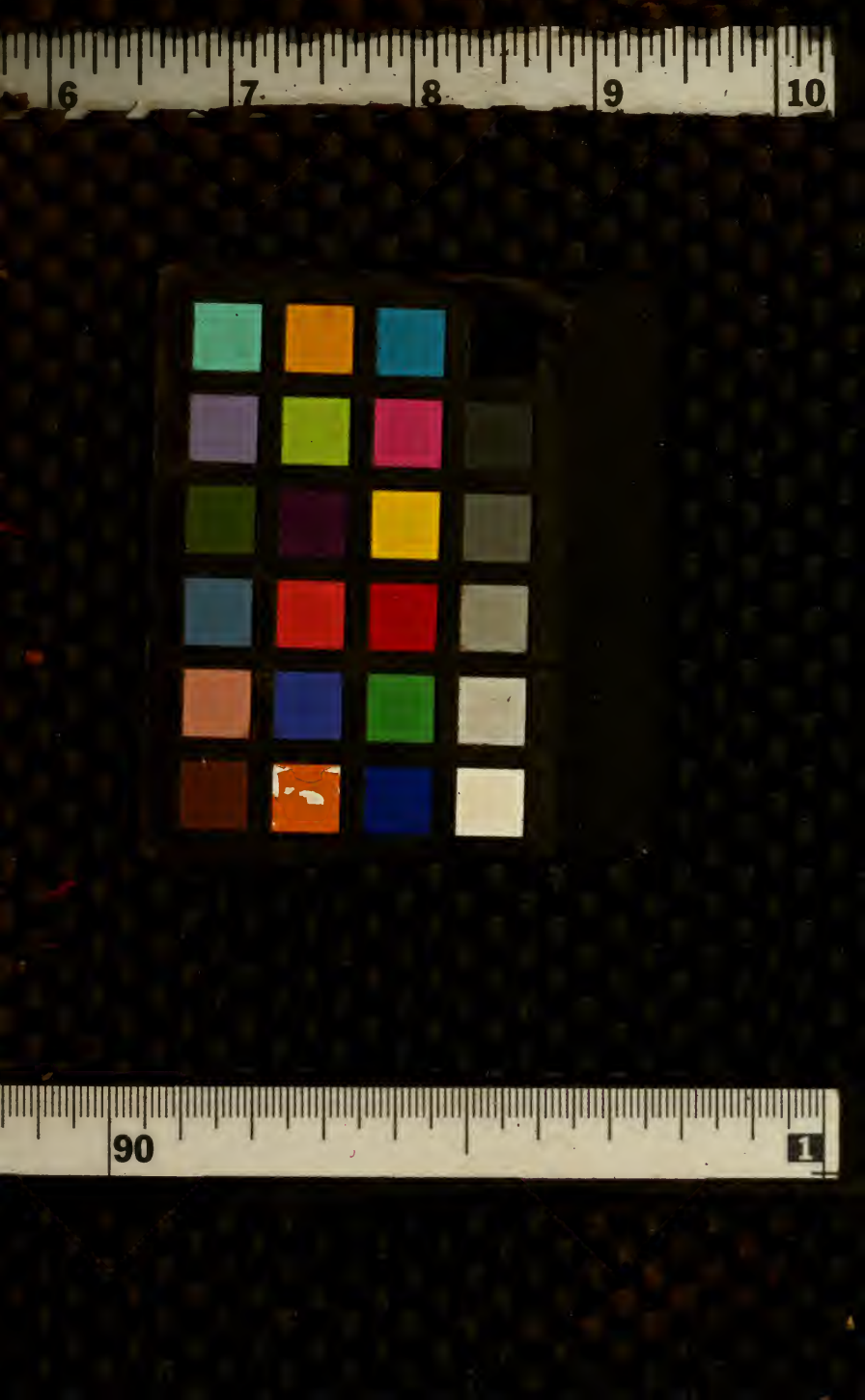
CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Howard College.	Poor Funds.	Minutes.	Sunday-School Expenses.	Bible Colportage.	Indigent Ministers' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Church Building.	Church Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Centennial Fund.	Total Contributions.	Value of Church Property.
Ash Creek	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ .....
Benton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany	10 22	4 11	11 59	14 26	.....	.....	1 00	14 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	115 00	100 00	100 00	371 11	1 500
Centre Ridge	39 00	12 00	15 50	44 60	.....	.....	1 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	220 00	.....	349 64	3 000
Mt. Gilead	32 50	17 56	16 21	15 00	.....	.....	2 00	15 00	3 36	.....	7 48	3 00	109 50	200 00	.....	421 64	2 500
Orrville	67 65	29 31	38 52	50 00	50 00	.....	2 00	8 06	18 04	.....	..	110 00	784 00	250 00	.....	1 407 58	3 200
Pleasant Hill	47 04	22 42	31 95	20 00	.....	112 26	1 50	9 50	1 68	.....	.....	.....	25 00	250 00	13 01	534 36	2 025
Providence	32 66	14 76	24 30	25 00	.....	.....	3 00	10 00	3 36	.....	.....	.....	861 00	400 00	.....	1 374 08	2 000
Selma	196 00	305 00	210 00	180 00	.....	150 00	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	220 00	700 00	2000 00	.....	3 976 00	* 15 000
Shiloh	37 06	10 48	12 21	.....	.....	.....	2 11	3 36	3 60	.....	.....	.....	105 00	175 00	.....	348 66	1 000
Sister Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	* 800 00
Town Creek	13 60	11.21	23 16	18 74	.....	.....	1 75	3 00	4 86	8 00	.....	7 85	.....	200 00	.....	792 17	750 00
Total	$ 475 73	$ 426 80	$ 383 47	$ 367 60	$50 00	$ 262 26	$19 75	$73 85	$44 90	$ 8 00	$ 7 48	$340 85	$2706 50	$3795 00	$ 113 01	$9 075 24†	$ 31 775

*Taken from last year's minutes. †Add to this amount, special collection for missions, making grand total of $9,094.36.

STATISTICS OF SELMA ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	No. Ord. Ministers	No Lic'd Ministers	Membership Last Reported.	Inc're by Baptism.	Inc're by Letter.	Inc're by Experience.	Inc're by Restoration	D'crse by Letter	D'crse by Exclusion	D'crse by Erasure	D'crse by Deaths	Present Membership.	Preaching Sabbath.	Any prayer Meeting.	Any Revival.
†Ash Creek	Lowndes	J. J. Pipkin	M. E Bell	Gordonsville	..	...	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	No	No
†Benton	Lowndes	.....	.....	.....	...	...	11	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	2	9	.....	No	No
Bethany	Lowndes	J. M. Fortune	John C. Fortune	Pleasant Hill	1	..	12	4	3	3	2	2	1	..	..	21	3	Yes	Yes
*Centre Ridge	Dallas	William D. Gay	R. F. Rowell	Carlowville	..	..	54	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	52	2	No	Yes
Mt. Gilead	Lowndes	S. J. Catts	M. H. Traylor	Benton	..	...	31	1	..	..	..	2	...	...	1	29	‡	No	No
Orrville	Dallas	I. A. White	G. W. Burt	Orrville	1	1	34	..	2	..	..	2	...	...	..	34	*a*	No	No
*Pleasant Hill	Dallas	William D. Gay	J. W. Bailey	Pleasant Hill	1	..	56	..	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	55	4	Yes	No
Providence	Dallas	I. A. White	T. W. Berry	Tasso	..	..	66	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	64	*b*	No	No
Selma	Dallas	A. J. Dickinson	A. J. Goodwin	Selma	1	1	339	22	33	..	1	18	1	...	...	376	*c*	Yes	No
*Shiloh	Dallas	S. J Catts	W. E. Clark	Soapstone	..	..	89	3	..	..	..	3	...	...	3	86	.....	No	No
†Sister Springs	Dallas	J M. Fortune	M. L. Grumbles	Tyler	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	2	...	...	..	14	4	No	No
*Town Creek	Dallas	J. J. Pipkin	R. D. Stewart	Soapstone	..	..	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	...	48	2-4	No	No
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	777	31	40	3	3	33	3	..	10	798			

*Mistake in number last reported. †No letter; copied from old minutes. ‡Saturday before third Sunday. *a*1st Sunday and night of 4th. *b*2nd and 4th and Saturday before 4th. *c*Every.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